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Repeater frequencies: 147.03 MHz (Roxboro input requires no PL, but outputs 91.5 Hz.)

PL required for off-site receiver (OSR) access:

Bucks County 131.8 Hz—Center City 103.5 Hz—Lansdale 114.8 Hz

444.80 MHz (186.2 Hz PL)

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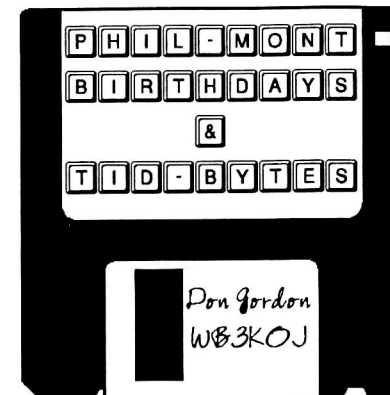
NET SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	09:30	147.030	MHz FM	"SUNDAY MORNING 2 METER NET"
	10:00	28.993	MHz SSB	"10-ON-10 NET"
	10:20	3.993	MHz SSB	75 METER NET
TUESDAY	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	CW PRACTICE NET
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- 25 Pat Lewis (XYL N3MUG)
- 26 Paul Ives - W3SMA

* Indicates New Member 1994-95



MEMBERSHIP STATS

169 Fully paid
 23 Family
 3 Honorary
 6 Pending

UPCOMING DIRECTORY SUPPLEMENT

With the October *Blurb* you will receive a 1995 Directory Supplement which will contain information on new members, plus corrections and additions that I have received during the last six months. If you have any changes that you would like included, I must have them by October 12.

In addition, the directory will feature a 'mailing list' of PMRC members who have sent me their packet and/or E-mail addresses. If you would like to be on this list please send your listing to me at:

hbga61a@prodigy.com OR wb3koj@aa3ch.fm29hu#epa.pa.usa.noam

HELP PHIL-MONT

Are you planning to join ARRL or renew your current membership?
 Help P.M.R.C. by joining or renewing through the club...
 contact Ed Masarsky, KB3IV, for details.

"DON'T TAILGATE... WAIT"—for the courtesy 🚗!

How To Know If You're A Ham

You know you are a ham when:

The only time you get up at 6:00 A.M. is for a Hamfest.

You know you can run all your home appliances on your personal backup power.

You have breakfast with a guy in England every morning.

Your ARES/RACES bags are always packed.

The cute girl with the KISS T-shirt asks what bands you like and you answer two and 20 meters.

You live in a shack.

A clerk asks you to spell your name, and you do so phonetically.

In a conversation, you wait for the courtesy tone before speaking.

You hear a scraping sound when driving through the fast-food restaurant window lane.

A band opening is more important than a grand opening.

Sight-seeing amounts to looking at rooftops for antennas.

America On Line via N3AXJ



The PREZ SEZ

Steve Hoch, WU3I



WELCOME BACK!

Summer is behind us, and we are in the last third of the year. School is fast approaching, and won't it be nice to have the house quiet in the daytime again? Hmmmmmm.

I have had a report from Russ-AA3CH that a total of 7 Phil-Monters have signed up for the MS-150 City to Shore ride (and three are from the same family... guess whose). This is a worthy event, and the registration has to be in early (by September 15), and it's a fun time. If you work both days you are put up by the MS Society at the Days Inn in Ocean City, and they also feed you well. There is a big spaghetti dinner on the Music Pier on the boardwalk, and sandwiches, fruit, snacks and drinks along the route at the two rest stops and one lunch stop.

Contact Russ-AA3CH, Charlie-AA3EP, or me for the application form.

Earlier this month many of you heard of Frenchy's-W3IRS fall in Colorado, and his subsequent hospitalization. On Tuesday, August 15 Frenchy succumbed to his injuries.

Frenchy was a long time member of Phil-Mont. A retired broadcast engineer for commercial radio, he resided in Broomall with his wife Louise. Frenchy was active in MARS and other Ham Radio activities. He will be missed by Phil-Mont. *Adieu Mon Ami*

Please Join me at the September Meeting for a presentation from Al, W3STW, on the new Satellite action coming with the launch of the PHASE 3D Satellite next spring.

'See YOU in September!

Call
1-800-32-NEW-HAM
for free information for
prospective hams

UPCOMING

Sept 6 General Meeting Program:
Satellite Communications
presented by W3STW

Sept 7 License Examinations at
The Franklin Institute

Sept 20 Directors' Meeting at
W3AA's
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**Oct 4 General Meeting**

Oct 5 License Examinations at  
The Franklin Institute

Oct 18 Directors' Meeting at  
W3QZO's

## HAMFESTS

Sept 10 **GAITHERSBURG, MD**  
Foundation for Amateur Radio

Sept 17 **PENNSAUKEN, NJ**  
South Jersey RA

Sept 23-24 **YORK, PA**

Oct 1 **WARRINGTON, PA**  
Pack Rats

Oct 22 **SELLERSVILLE, PA**  
RF Hill ARC

Oct 29 **NEWTOWN, PA**  
Penn Wireless Assn.

### The Gettysburg Address

(which is not printed on the new 610 forms)

Federal Communications Commission  
1270 Fairfield Road  
Gettysburg, PA 17325  
License Questions: (800) 322-1117  
Monday-Friday 0800-1630

## V.E. TEST LOCATIONS

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must two means of positive ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. **The ARRL VEC's 1995 test fee is \$5.90; there is no charge for a Novice test.**

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Monthly, 3rd Thursday—Bill Helmatag  
(609) 546-7710

### •BRYN MAWR

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(215) 265-6032

### •LEVITTOWN

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(215) 943-4886

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8/26—Russ Stafford, AA3CH  
(610) 358-2311

### •MORRISVILLE

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(215) 788-7515

### •POTTSTOWN

Monthly, 1st Monday—Warren Erdman K3ZXQ  
(215) 679-5764

### •TELFORD

Monthly, 3rd Monday—Warren Erdman K3ZXQ  
(215) 679-5764

### •UNIVERSITY OF PA

Monthly, Last Saturday—Jeff DePolo  
(215) 898-8538 shack, (215) 337-7383 home

### •WARMINSTER

Monthly, Last Wed.—Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ  
(215) 343-3494

## PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Charlie Weigand, AA3EP (215) 324-0167

Sep 30 City-to-Shore (2-day round trip)  
Dec 3 Brian's Run (West Chester area)

## CLUB INFORMATION

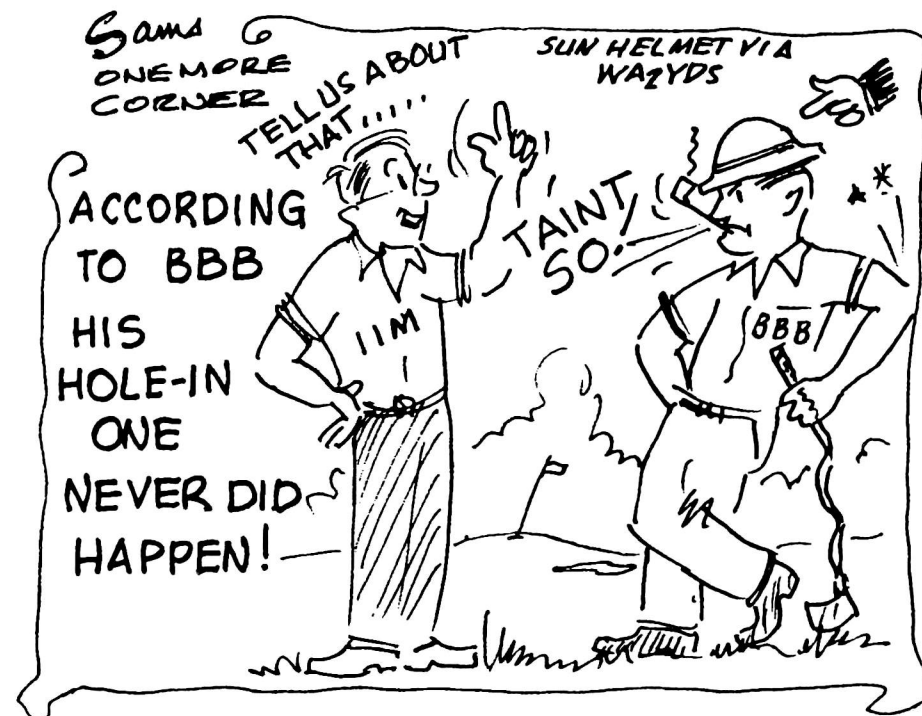
24 Hour Information Number at W3TKQ  
**(215) 448-1139**

## Public Boating Classes

|                    |                                |      |              |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|------|--------------|
| Bensalem           | Bensalem High School           | 9/12 | 215-624-5311 |
| Cheltenham         | Cheltenham High School         | 10/2 | 215-624-5311 |
| Haverford Township | Bethany Presbyterian Church    | 9/25 | 215-289-4730 |
| Horsham            | Keith Valley Middle School     | 9/13 | 215-624-5311 |
| Kennett Square     | Kennett High School            | 9/20 | 302-325-1096 |
| Lansdowne          | Pennwood High School           | 9/27 | 215-289-4730 |
| Malvern            | Great Valley High School       | 9/26 | 610-933-2659 |
| Newtown Square     | Gauntlett Community Center     | 9/21 | 215-289-4730 |
| Philadelphia       | N.E. High Adult Evening School | 9/18 | 610-353-6295 |
| Radnor             | Bishop Carroll High School     | 9/25 | 610-933-2659 |

All courses consist of 7 lessons and are taught by the U.S. Power Squadron  
For additional information call after 6 P.M.

Source: U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners





from CW, DX, contests and phone, to the present day digital communications at which he claims to be only a novice. Frenchy's fondest memory of Phil-Mont is when he was in the hospital for nine months following a serious car accident several years ago. He could not believe all the time and effort Phil-Monters took to send him cards as well as visit him. He describes it as "touching." He also shared with me his hopes for the club's future. "I hope PMRC continues as it has been going in recent times. I am extremely pleased with the projects in which we are involved, that seek to help along new, younger blood. I think that what we are doing now is a wonderful thing, as we are getting the younger element and women involved in Phil-Mont to the extent we never have before."

Frenchy has always been a kind, helpful person from all the times I have heard or spoke with him. His generosity is only bested by his genuine faith in people. Amateur Radio can bring the best out of people, Frenchy brings the best out of Amateur Radio. ☺

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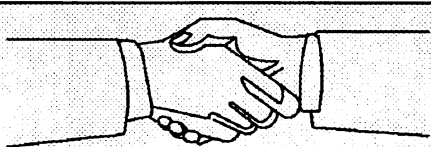
along with obtaining a plexiglass cover for the Kenwood 820 transceiver hands-on display, and the worthiness of getting it repaired; replacing the 820 with the Drake R8 receiver as a hands-on display, and that the search for a 70 cm FM xcvr are, to date, still being discussed.

On old business, Ed says he will start taking club jacket orders in September.

Regarding new business, Al mentioned tasking young N3PDO-Mike, and N3RCS to put together details for a trip to ARRL headquarters in Newington, Ct.

On future programs Al, will give a talk on the Phase 3D satellite project.

At 9:37 P.M. a motion to close the meeting was moved and approved. ☺



## NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

**CALL:** KB3AIB  
**NAME:** Tom Dunne  
**HANDLE:**  
**CLASS:** Advanced  
**ADDRESS:** 3443 Vaux Street  
 Philadelphia, PA 19129  
**HOME PHONE:** (215) 842-2707  
**BUSINESS PHONE:**  
**OCCUPATION:** Pol. Analyst  
**INTERESTS:** Technical, VE

**CALL:** N3JDM  
**NAME:** George J. Graf  
**HANDLE:** George  
**CLASS:** Extra  
**ADDRESS:** 1212 Herschel Road  
 Philadelphia, PA 19116-1402  
**HOME PHONE:** (215) 673-8621  
**BUSINESS PHONE:**  
**OCCUPATION:** Retired  
**INTERESTS:** W3TKQ, VE

**CALL:** N3JJS  
**NAME:** George Jeffrey Graf  
**HANDLE:** Jeff  
**CLASS:** Technician Plus  
**ADDRESS:** 1212 Herschel Road  
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**HOME PHONE:** (215) 673-8621  
**BUSINESS PHONE:**  
**OCCUPATION:**  
**INTERESTS:** W3TKQ

## MINUTES

### AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

Al Tribble, W3STW, Secretary



**P**MRC President WU3I-Steve opened the 547th PMRC General meeting at 7:47 P.M.

To set the record straight the July Family Night was our 546th meeting. This fact is noted here as a lead-in to finally confessing a great big error of omission that has persisted far too long, and will be corrected here and now. The omission is an "all is well" report given at the June Directors' meeting, by the *Blurb* folding committee chairman WB3KOJ-Don. Folks this may seem a small detail, but, to me, a *heavy* weight has been lifted from my shoulders.

Assistant Treasurer KB3IV-Ed, is on vacation. Donning the Treasurer's hat Steve reports since the last report we took some money in, spent some and have some left. Steve also mentioned the availability of a scholarship sponsored by WT3P-Kay and KD3AO-Carter.

W3AA-Hal is on the mend, and will be travelling, by car, to the area. Hal will host the September Directors' meeting. Although the CW Training Net will resume in September on Tuesdays at 8 P.M., Steve is still looking for help.

'Going to join or renew your ARRL membership? Do so through the club, your doing so provides club income. Contact Ed for the details.

W3BBB-Jim, W3QV Repeater Chairman, reports that the repeater is working. Talk about understating the fact, with all the severe lightning to say "it is working" has be the biggest understatement of the year. Some may say we're lucky, I say

we're lucky because of a lot of hard work from Jim and his harmonic N3DHI-Rick. Copious amounts of kudos to Jim, Rick and all the others that keep W3QV on the air.

Membership Committee Chairman N3OWM-Ted, extends greetings to WN3PDB-Charly whose application for PMRC membership was approved at the July Directors' meeting.

Steve called our attention to the Field Day report written for the August *Blurb* by N3IEI-Chris. Seems the report is missing the clogged toilet caper that left a lot of folk fuming. (Hey! I don't make this stuff up.)

Special Events Chairman AA3EP-Charlie reminds us of the application that is in the *Blurb* indicating the information needed should you want to participate in the September 30th—October 1st MS-150. The event needs about 130 participants. Charlie asks that you please respond by September 15th.

Regarding W3TKQ, Steve reports the search for the Rupp meter continues.

From the Welcoming Committee Chairman KA4LIF-Tom comes a report of 23 members and one guest N3UZI-Sam attending the meeting.

Our guest speaker WA3RIZ-Jeff gave a talk on "Complex Repeater Link Group" operations. Thank you Jeff for the talk and handouts.

Again, while we're saying thank you, we surely want to thank N3FVI-Bill, and those involved with providing the refreshments. ☺

## MINUTES

## AUGUST DIRECTORS' MEETING

Al Tribble, W3STW, Secretary

**P** MRC President WU3I—Steve opened the meeting at 8:15 P.M. The meeting was held at the home of W3STW—Al. Also attending were KB3IV—Ed, WB3KOJ—Don, N3AXJ—Perry, KA4LIF—Tom and N3DHI—Rick.

Ed, Assistant Treasurer, reported as of 18 July a balance of \$1377.20. From 18 July until now there was an income of \$8.00 and an expense of \$219.50 leaving a balance, to date, of \$1165.70.

Steve mentioned receipt of two letters, one from PMRC member N3PDP—Tracal, who was reporting theft of his radio equipment from his car, and reminding us to be careful. The other, a letter of thanks from Katherine Watson, Vice President of Development at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, for a PMRC donation in remembrance of the late Anna Popovic.

Don, *Blurb* Folding Committee Chairman, reports we can probably expect a club directory update next month.

Tom, donning the Membership Committee hat, asked for, and received, a vote to accept the membership application from N3VJE Bryan. Congratulations Bryan!

Al submitted membership applications from N3JDM—George and N3JJS—Jeff.

Ed says the net control activities are doing OK. There was a question about having sufficient support for the Tuesday evening CW training net. However we were told not to worry since additional help is on the way from W3BBB Jim and Rick. Seems that Rick will handle the dits and Jim, the dahs. Look for a net schedule in the October *Blurb*.

Al, Nominating Committee Chairman, reports that although the committee has received a positive response to the call for candidates, the committee is still looking. Anyone interested in running for office please contact K3KUD—Bob, K3GNM—Al or me. Telephone numbers are in the *Blurb*.

Rick, reporting on W3QV repeater, says the Southampton offsite receiver is down to replace a failed capacitor. Rick did not commit to a date when the capacitor would be replaced.

On behalf of the Special Events chairman AA3EP—Charlie, Steve seeks help for the September 30th and October 1st MS-150. Steve also says that W3TKQ will be the net control station for the latter part of the event. N3OWM—Ted and Tom will work in conjunction with the regular W3TKQ operators so as to not interfere with normal station operation.

Regarding W3TKQ, Steve reports that the missing Rupp meter is not missing at all—seems the meter is holed-up at Audio Phonics in Roxboro and should be set free soon.

Tom, reporting for the VE Program, says the August session, was well staffed and that operations went smoothly. By the way folks, Tom is now an Extra Class licensed Amateur. Congratulations Tom on the recent upgrade.

Perry, W3TKQ station operator, mentioned a few items: getting blue shirts like those worn by the other Franklin Institute volunteers, moving the overhead map, at the end of the console, to the wall, and changes to the polar map. These items,

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## Charles A. "Frenchy" Andrews, W3IRS

by Bob Wilcox, KE3CZ

*Reprinted from the January 1994 Blur.*

**F**renchy was born on April 2, 1921, in Clermont-Ferrand, France. His parents, Marthe and John, were also from France, thus it does not take much to figure out why the nickname "Frenchy."

He married his wife, Louisa, in 1950, and they have two daughters and six grandchildren. He is also quick to point out that he has two sons-in-law as well.

His first amateur license was received in 1937, and, as he had no station equipment of his own, it was a Class B (General Class) operator license. He did not receive his Station License/Callsign, until April 20th, 1940. He made his first contact that same day with W3HHM on 40 meters CW.

In October of 1940, Frenchy entered the U.S. Army, and was a Radio Operator/Gunner for the 70th Tank Battalion, Medium Tank Outfit. Following his one year tour, he came back to the Philadelphia area where he went to work for WPEN-AM as a temporary engineer.

Not many of us younger hams realize it, but when war was declared in 1941, amateur radio privileges were suspended. Some amateurs remained on the air by being active in the War Emergency Radio Service (WERS), a Civilian Defense program.

Frenchy was recalled to active duty, and served proudly with the 70th. He also served detached duty in North Africa with the Free French Army, which was commanded by General Jacques-Philippe Leclerc. Because of his fluent french, he assisted in familiarizing the French soldiers with the American tanks they were provid-

ed with. By the time he was given his wartime service-connected disability discharge, he was a Second Lieutenant with the 2nd Signal Service Battalion.

From 1950 to 1958 he also served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves as a Communications Officer, and was discharged with the rank of Major.

Frenchy remains in contact with his comrades from the 2nd Signal Service Battalion via their net which is held every Wednesday on 7190 LSB at 11 a.m. local time.

In 1946 he was again employed by WPEN as a transmitter engineer. He also worked in the master control room, and was a transmitter supervisor when he retired in November of 1973.

Some of the things that he enjoys the most about the hobby is being a volunteer examiner (VE). He states, "I have derived so much satisfaction, that I feel I owe it back to ham radio." He certainly has repaid it, tenfold!

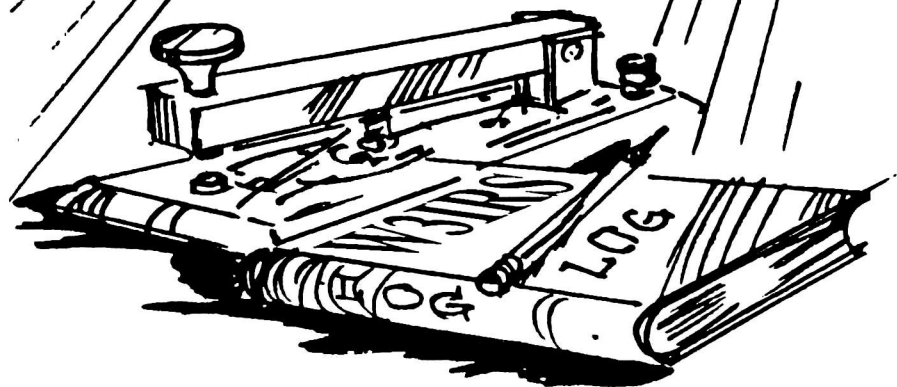
He also enjoys his active role in the Army MARS program, something he has done for 37 years, and from Sept. '68 to Sept. '88, he was State Army MARS Director.

His wish for the future of amateur radio is that "we would clean up our act on the air." With regard to profanity he said, "it is a bad image to ourselves, it lowers our prestige, it lowers our position. It is nothing but negative."

Being a member of Phil-Mont for what he determines to be just one year after it was chartered, he has held various offices in the club. He has been involved in everything

PHIL-MONT

# Silent Key



## W3IRS

### Charles "Frenchy" Andrews

April 2, 1921—August 15, 1995

## 124<sup>TH</sup> MONTHLY VE SESSION STATISTICS AUGUST

16 candidates took 35 elements  
3 new amateurs plus 3 upgrades

VE team members:

Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q, Chairman

Sam Lewis, N3GPQ; Wally Newell, K3JJO; Dick Malone, N3MGS;

Joel Kleinguenther, KA3SWU; Bob Thomas, W3QZO;

Gene Gadlin, KA3VKG; Joe Pearlstein, NU3Y; Bob Freer, W3YLT

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# THE W 3 T K Q REPORT

There has not been much going on with the station over the summer.

We have been in touch with the RUPP company and have an idea of what is wrong with the wattmeter and are trying to fix it ourselves.

There is an upcoming special event on September 30 and October 1, and W3TKQ will be participating as the Net Control Station on Sunday October 1 for the West End of the MS-150 Bike Ride.

N3FVI will be looking at the Gaithersburg Hamfest for a UHF FM rig for the station to add to our FM position 1.

Remember your contribution to W3TKQ, through The Franklin Institute, is tax deductible; we do not fund the station from the club treasury.

—Steve Hoch, WU3I

## W3TKQ Operators' Net

The last Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m., on 147.03.

## Please Watch Your Language

Geoffrey S. Mendelson, N3OWJ

Recently I have been dismayed by the language I have heard on the Phil-Mont repeater. Due to the poor language used by some hams, I am no longer able to monitor at work or, if I am not alone, at home. Please watch your language. There are many people listening to us who will not complain. Many of them have left the repeater, and probably will not renew their membership in Phil-Mont.

This poor language also prevents me from using two meters to demonstrate ham radio. I can only hope that the people at W3TKQ do not have this problem during the day.

If the beavers have built a dam in your back yard, or you just toured the Hoover Dam, or even if you don't give a tinker's dam\*, that's fine with me. If your damn radio just gave you a damn rf-burn while your damn antenna could not be loaded by your damn tuner, then please go somewhere else. I (and many others) don't want to hear it. If you can't go somewhere else, learn a few new adjectives.

If your new radio, antenna, linear amplifier, etc., will "kick butt," kick someone else. I don't care for the imagery. And for your edification, "squat" is a verb.

Leave out the scatological references. While an occasional "oh shit!" when your radio explodes, or your car overturns, would be okay, in my opinion, Heath, Drake, Kenwood, Icom, etc., did not make any "shit or crap" (though Heathkit's first kit was an airplane).

While I have not heard any insulting ethnic remarks on Phil-Mont's repeater, I have heard them on others. Please think before you speak. If you are going to say

something that would be more appropriate at a Klan (or similar organization's) meeting, wait until you get there before you say it.

I once was subjected to a repeater coming in over the Wilmington machine (146.73) while I was trying to monitor a net. The only repeatable part of the conversation I heard was about certain people "selling their 7-11s and going back where they came from."

Many other people must have heard them too, because that repeater disappeared in a week.

So please think before you speak. If you can't say it in politely, don't say it.

Thank you.

\* A tinker was a traveling pot repairman. He would place pots in a tray of sand, and fill holes in their bottoms with molten lead (or solder). A tinker's dam was an indentation or ridge in the sand to stop the flow of lead. The expression was used to describe an object that was both unsalable and ephemeral. It is not, as commonly assumed, a curse.

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\*\*\*\* Michael Rubin Mendelson \*\*\*\*  
Born 7/8/95 6:15am 9# 1.8oz 21"

P.S. I understand that the language may be offensive. It is taken from comments heard on repeaters. Except for the one comment so noted, it was taken almost verbatim from Phil-Mont. ☺



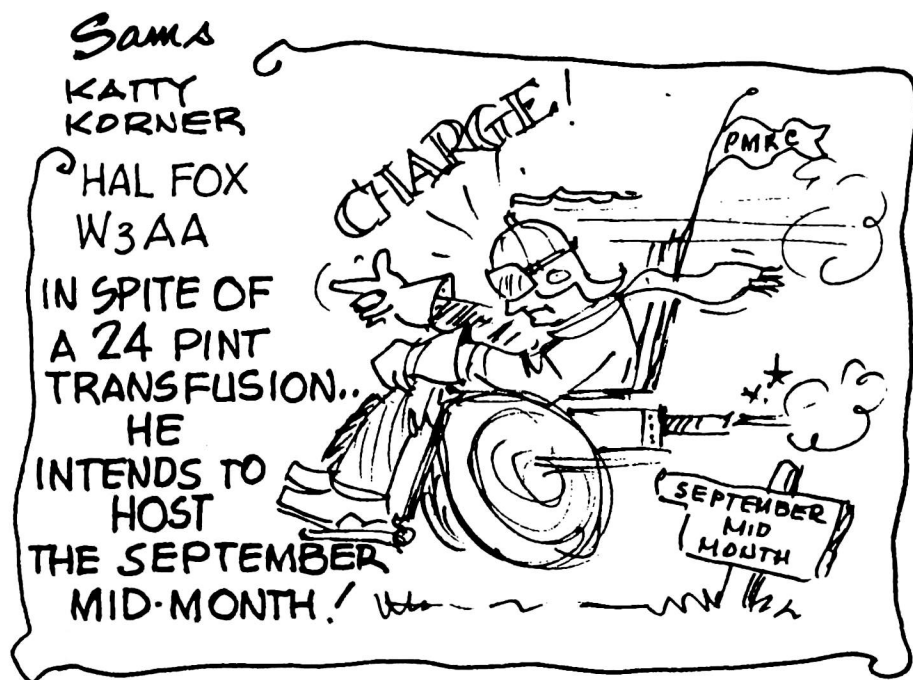
interference to hi-fi systems, telephones, and video cassette recorders. Techniques for solving problems include the use of ferrite cores, improving receiving antenna systems, checking cabling, and isolating interconnected units to find the one that is at fault.

The book lists addresses and phone numbers for sources of high pass filters, common mode filters, band reject filters, ferrites and beads, ac line filters, telephone filters, and interference resistant telephones, as well as an extensive list of manufacturers of home electronic equipment.

Page one of the new FCC Interference Handbook says "Many interference problems are the direct result of poor equipment installation. Cost-cutting manufacturing

techniques, such as insufficient shielding or inadequate filtering, may also cause your equipment to react to a nearby radio transmitter. This is not the fault of the transmitter and little can be done to the transmitter to correct the problem. If a correction cannot be made at the transmitter, actions must be taken to stop your equipment from reacting to the transmitter."

ARRL Laboratory Supervisor Ed Hare, KA1CV, says, "This is the statement from the FCC that hams have been waiting for. The book takes a fair and honest approach to explaining responsibilities and cures for interference problems. The FCC team that put this together has done a fine job with a complex technical and emotional subject."



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To all radio amateurs

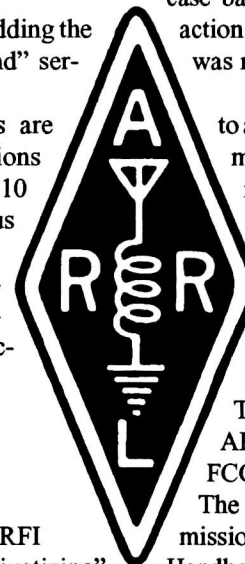
ARLB074 Form 610 copies okayed

The Federal Communications Commission now accepts Form 610 amateur applications on white paper, two-sided copies of the form.

This is a result of the FCC adding the Form 610 to its "fax-on-demand" service, at 202-418-0177.

Since official FCC forms are color coded, submitting applications on official, buff colored Forms 610 may result in more expeditious service.

The ARRL/VEC will continue to use buff colored "official" Forms 610 for its exam activities.



about an interference problem are asked to work together toward a solution.

Depending on what the local repair shop found, either the shop would fix the equipment or, in the case of a violation of FCC rules, the service shop would refer the case back to the FCC for possible FCC action. The question of who would pay was not addressed.

The ARRL, which had responded to an FCC request for input before the meeting, was represented at the meeting by several local volunteer officials, in consultation with ARRL Laboratory Supervisor Ed Hare, KA1CV.

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To all radio amateurs

ARLB073 New RFI book from the FCC

The Federal Communications Commission has released a new Interference Handbook for consumers. The 24-page, full color book will be stocked by FCC field offices around the country to provide people experiencing interference to home electronic equipment with information and solutions to interference problems.

The book deals not only with interference to televisions from radio transmitters, but also illustrates and describes interference caused by poor antennas (weak signals, ghosting); electrical interference from home devices such as hair dryers; electrical interference from power lines; and interference from home computers and low power radio devices such as garage door openers.

In addition to interference to televisions, the handbook describes solutions to

August 15, 1995

To all radio amateurs

ARLB080 FCC plan considers RFI

The FCC is considering "privatizing" the resolution of radio frequency interference to consumer electronics devices. Under the plan, private repair shops would be used to fix problems "in the field."

FCC representatives spelled out the Commission's concept at a meeting in Tampa, saying "Since it is not feasible for the Commission to attempt to resolve these complaints" (the most of which come from Citizens Band operation), "it is our policy not to investigate interference to home electronic equipment. Likewise, we do not offer any protection from interference."

Over past several years, the FCC has been "unofficially" out of the "retail" RFI business, and parties who contact the FCC

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| SUNDAY                                                                                         | MONDAY                                | TUESDAY                                   | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                           | THURSDAY                                                                                                                              | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY                                                                   |
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| <b>3</b><br>2M NCS N3OWM<br>10M NCS W3HFX<br>75M NCS W3PWG                                     | <b>4</b><br><br><i>Labor Day</i>      | <b>5</b>                                  | <b>6</b><br>GENERAL MEETING<br>at<br>The Franklin Institute<br>Refreshments at 7:00 p.m.<br>Meeting starts at 7:30. | <b>7</b><br>LICENSE EXAMS<br>at<br>The Franklin Institute<br>Registration begins at 6:00<br>Doors close at 6:30 p.m.<br><i>sharp!</i> | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b> ○                                                                 |
| <b>10</b><br>2M NCS W3STW<br>10M NCS W3HFX<br>75M NCS AA3CH<br><br><i>Gaithersburg Hamfest</i> | <b>11</b>                             | <b>12</b><br>CODE PRACTICE<br>NET at 8 PM | <b>13</b>                                                                                                           | <b>14</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b>                                                                  |
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| <b>24</b> ●<br>2M NCS N3FTY<br>10M NCS W3HFX<br>75M NCS KB3IV<br><br><i>York Hamfest—day 2</i> | <b>25</b><br><br><i>Rosh Hashanah</i> | <b>26</b><br>CODE PRACTICE<br>NET at 8 PM | <b>27</b><br>W3TKQ<br>OPERATORS' NET<br>8 PM                                                                        | <b>28</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b><br><br><i>MS-150 Bike Tour</i>                                   |